Motor accidents near the Pulimood bridge. in Mavelikara taluk.

335. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of motor accidents that took place near the Pulimood bridge in Mavelikara town during the years 1113 and 1114;

(*b*) whether they have received any representations from the people for the construction of parapet walls protecting the road on either side of the bridge;

(*c*) whether any action was taken on them; and

(*d*) if so, the steps taken till now?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Only one accident in 1114.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise in view of the answer to (*b*).

Opening of a canal.

336. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether application has been received for the opening of a canal along S. Nos. 476/1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Thrikkakara pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk, by any officer of the State;

(*b*) whether any officer inspected the spot; and

(*c*) the result of that enquiry?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The preliminary investigation has been made and a detailed estimate is being prepared.

New arrangement in the Pre-audit.

337. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether at present a separate receipt is demanded when cheques are handed over from the Pre-audit Treasury;

(*b*) whether that was the system in existence before; and

(*c*) what are the benefits of the present system over that which existed before?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The rules have provided for it long before.

(*c*) The procedure is the legally correct one.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether there was a single case of defalcation in the Pre-Audit during the last 30 years of its inception?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: I claim notice.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know if the rules had provided for it long before and if the system was beneficial why the system was not used before?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: The new system was followed as soon as the defect in the old system was found out by the officers concerned.

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